

Applicant: Stephen E. Terry
Application No.: 10/681,025

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1 and 4-53 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6 and 13 have been amended to incorporate subject matter in the canceled claims which was indicated by the Examiner as being allowable into independent claim form, to correct claim dependencies, and to correct several typographical errors. Allowed claim 23 has also been amended to correct a minor typographical error. New claims 31-53 have been added to incorporate the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as being allowable into independent claims 31, 47, 49 and 51-53. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by the Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 19-30 are allowed and claims 3-5, 8-10, 15 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3 and the limitations of the intervening claim 2. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 1 and dependent claims 4-18 are in condition for allowance.

New claim 31 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 5 and the limitations of the intervening claim 2 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 31 and dependent claims 32-46 are in condition for allowance.

New claim 47 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 8 and the limitations of the intervening claims 6 and 2 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 47 and dependent claim 48 are in condition for allowance.

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New claim 49 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 9 and the limitations of the intervening claims 6 and 2 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 49 and dependent claim 50 are in condition for allowance.

New claim 51 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 10 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 51 is in condition for allowance.

New claim 52 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 15 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 52 is in condition for allowance.

New claim 53 combines the allowable subject matter of claim 18 with the features recited in the original claim 1. Thus, the Applicant submits that claim 53 is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 and 4-53, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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